

REMARKS

On May 24, 2004, Applicant filed a fully responsive amendment in reply to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004. On June 23, 2004, Applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination in reply to the Advisory Action mailed June 4, 2004. To Applicant's knowledge, no office action on the merits has been mailed since the filing of the RCE. Applicant requests that this supplemental amendment be entered.

Claims 1-3, 8-19, and 22-51 are pending in this application. Claims 50 and 51 have been amended to make clear the invention. The amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims and include no new matter. Support for the amendments may be found on at least page 23, lines 14-15, page 25, line 2 through page 26, line 7, and Figs. 1-7 of the specification.

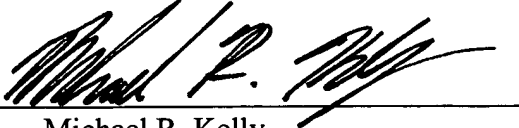
Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1-3, 8-9, and 22-51 should be allowed for at least the reason described in the amendment dated May 24, 2004.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and a timely Notice of Allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this supplemental response
and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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